

# West Greenlandic

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## 1 Language Information

- Source: Fortescue (1984)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/kala1399>
- ISO-identifier: kal
- Speakers:
- Location: Greenland
- Geneology: Eskimo-Aleut > Eskimo > Inuit > Kalaallisut

## 2 Nominal Morphology

The noun has two numbers, singular and plural.

## 3 Verbal Morphology

The verb agrees with its subject in number.

## 4 Conjunction

Two sentences can be coordinated by adding the enclitic *lu* 'and' to the first constituent of the second sentence. The conjunctive particles *aammalu* and *kiisalu* 'and' can be used for the coordination of NPs.

- (1) ippassaq tiki-put      aquagu=lu      ikinnguta-at      tiki-ssa-pput  
yesterday arrive-3PL.IND tomorrow.and friend-their-PL arrive-FUT-3PL.IND  
'They arrived yesterday and their friends will arrive tomorrow.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 120]

- (2) ippassaq tikip-put aquagu=lu aalla-qqi-ssa-pput  
yesterday arrive-3PL.IND tomorrow.and leave-again-FUT-3PL.IND  
'They arrived yesterday and will leave again tomorrow.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 120]
- (3) isir-puq ingil-luni=lu  
come.in-3SG.IND sit.down-4SG.CONT-and  
'She came in and sat down.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 120]
- (4) ani-vunga miiqqal=lu urnil-lugit  
go.out-1S.IND children-and come.to-(1SG-)3PL.CONT  
'I went out and approached the children.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 120]
- (5) illu-at kusanar-puq kial-luni=lu  
house-their be.pretty-3SG.IND be.warm-4SG.CONT-and  
'Their house is pretty and warm.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 121]
- (6) pilirturumik irrui-vuq ini-mi-nul=lu majuar-luni  
quickly wash.up-3SG.IND room-his.REFL-ALL-and go.up-4SG.CONT  
'He washed up quickly and went up to his room.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 121]
- (7) illuqarvi-nnguaq atuarvi-qar-puq arlalin-nik  
town-little school-have-3SG.IND several-INSTR  
pisiniarvi-qar-lini(=lu) uqaluvvi-qar-luni=lu  
shop-have-4SG.CONT(-and) church-have-4SG.CONT-and  
'The little town has a school, several shops and a church.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 125]
- (8) Naaja su-nik arajutsi-naviirsaa-ga-qa-qqu-lluni  
Naaja what-INSTR.PL not.notice-try.not.to-PASS.PART-have-tell.to-4SG.CONT  
alapirnaat-tua-qqu-lluni=lu uqaluun-niqar-tuar-puq  
be.inquisitive-continually-tell.to-4SG.CONT-and tell-PASS-continually-3SG.IND  
'Naaja was continually told to play attention to everything and be inquisitive.'  
[Fortescue, 1984, p. 125]
- (9) arnaquassaa-nngu-up qissimil-lugu=lu  
old.woman-little-REL look.askance.at-(4SG-)3SG.CONT-and  
nippal-luni uqa-ratar-puq  
raise.voice-4SG.CONT say-at.last-3SG.IND  
'The little old woman looked askance at him and raising her voice spoke at last.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 125]
- (10) Saamik qaanna-mi-nukar-puq anguikk-i=lu  
Saamik kayak-his.REFL-go.to-3SG.IND spear-his.REFL-and  
tigu-llugu illu-mut isi-riartur-luni  
take-(4SG-)3SG.CONT house-ALL enter-go.and-4CONT  
'Saamik went to his kayak, took (out) his spear and went into the house.'  
[Fortescue, 1984, p. 126]

- (11) tuluit qallunaat kalaallil-lu  
Englishmen Danes Greenlanders-and  
'Englishman, Danes and Greenlanders' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 127]
- (12) Maalia Piitaq kiisalu Tuumasi  
Maalia Piitaq and-finally Tuumasi  
'Maalia, Piitaq and Tuumasi' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 125]

Two sentences can be also conjoined by adding the enclitic *li* 'but' to the first constituent of the second sentence, or by the conjunctive particle *kisianni(li)* 'but'.

- (13) iqqa-a timmiar-passuar-nik ulikkaar-puq  
proximity.it birds-lots.of-INSTR be.full-3SG.IND  
siqqur-ta-nngil-aa=li  
shoot-ITER-not-3SG.3PL.IND-but  
'Around (it) there were lots of birds, but he didn't shoot them.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 122]
- (14) qimmiq taanna nakuarsuu-vuq saamasuu-lluni=li  
dog that be.strong-3SG.IND be.gentle-4SG.CONT-but  
'That dog is strong but gentle.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 123]
- (15) arviq taku-aa kisianni naalin-nia-nngil-aa  
whale see-3SG.3SG.IND but harpoon-try-not-3SG.3SG.IND  
'He has seen the whale but won't try to harpoon it.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 123]
- (16) Tuumasi tikip-puq nuli-a=li tiki-nngil-aq  
Tuumasi come-3SG.IND wife-his-but come-not-3SG.IND  
'Tuumasi came but his wife didn't.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 127]

## 5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by the particle *imaluunniit* 'or'.

- (17) aningaasa-ati-qa-nngil-aq imaluunniit  
money-alien-have-not-3SG.IND or  
piqa-nngit-su-usaar-puq  
have-not-INTR.PART-pretend.to-3SG.IND  
'He has no money, or pretends not to.' [Fortescue, 1984, p. 123]

## 6 Postpositions

1. *kingurna* 'after(wards)'
2. *ataani* 'underneath'
3. *kitaanut* 'to the west'
4. *tungi*- direction

## References

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